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SUBJECT: NATO DECLARATION: PARLIAMENTARY ASPECTS

1. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION, A MEMBER OF SENATOR JAVITS' STAFF INQUIRED OF DEPTOFF WHETHER THE NATO DECLARATION MIGHT INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) OR AT LEAST TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN SERVING ATLANTIC PURPOSES. WE WILL NEED TO BE IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN THE EVENT THAT WE RECEIVE FORMAL SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON THIS POINT.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE, THEREFORE, MISSION'S ASSESSMENT OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ACHIEVING A CONSENSUS ON LANGUAGE FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN THE DECLARATION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE NAA AND THE PARLIAMENTS OF THE NATO COUNTRIES. OUR OWN PRELIMINARY VIEW IS THAT MOST ALLIES WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO SOME KIND OF REFERENCE TO PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, BASED ON THEIR PAST ATTITUDE TOWARD NAA, WE

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COULD ENVISAGE STIFF FRENCH RESISTANCE TO ANY SPECIFIC

REFERENCE TO NAA.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS WELL YOUR SPECIFIC
SUGGESTION FOR A TEXTUAL FORMULATION WHICH MIGHT SKIRT
POSSIBLE FRENCH OBJECTIONS AND YET ALLOW US TO MEET

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS POINT.

4. AT THIS STAGE, YOU SHOULD NOT CONSULT IS OR OTHER
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